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Calling for peace in Darfur.

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Calling for peace in Darfur.

Whereas, during the past 4 years in Darfur, hundreds of thousands of innocent victims have been murdered, tortured, and raped, with more than 2,000,000 people driven from their homes;

Whereas some but not all of the parties to the conflict in Darfur participated in the first round of a United Nations-African Union peace process launched in October 2007 in Sirte, Libya;

Whereas the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) reached between the Government of Sudan and the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) in January 2005 has not been fully or evenly implemented;

Whereas the Government of Sudan has continued to obstruct the deployment of a joint United Nations-African Union peacekeeping force to Darfur that would include non-African elements;

Whereas elements of armed rebel movements in Darfur, including the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), have made violent threats against the deploying peacekeeping force;

Whereas 13 former world leaders and current activists, including former president Jimmy Carter, former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Bangladeshi microfinance champion Muhammed Yunus, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, have called for the immediate deployment of the peacekeeping force; and

Whereas, while these and other issues remain pending, it is the people of Darfur, including those living in refugee camps, who suffer the continuing consequences: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) calls upon the Government of Sudan and
3 other signatories and non-signatories to the May 5,
4 2006, Darfur Peace Agreement to declare and re-
5 spect an immediate cessation of hostilities, cease dis-
6 tributing arms to internally displaced persons, and
7 enable humanitarian organizations to have full un-
8 fettered access to populations in need;

9 (2) calls upon the Government of Sudan to fa-
10 cilitate the immediate and unfettered deployment of
11 the United Nations-African Union peacekeeping

1 force, including any and all non-African peace-
 2 keepers;

3 (3) urges all invited individuals and movements
 4 to attend the next round of peace negotiations and
 5 not set preconditions for such participation;

6 (4) calls upon the diverse rebel movements to
 7 set aside their differences and work together in
 8 order to better represent the people of Darfur and
 9 end their continued suffering;

10 (5) encourages the participation in future talks
 11 of traditional Arab and African leaders from Darfur,
 12 women's groups, local nongovernmental organiza-
 13 tions, and leaders from internally displaced persons
 14 (IDP) camps;

15 (6) condemns any intimidation or threats
 16 against camp or civil society leaders to discourage
 17 them from attending the peace talks, whether by the
 18 Government of Sudan or rebel leaders;

19 (7) condemns any action by any party, govern-
 20 ment or rebel, that undermines or delays the peace
 21 process in Darfur; and

22 (8) calls upon all parties to the Comprehensive
 23 Peace Agreement (CPA) to support and respect all
 24 terms of the agreement.

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